

a change in trading hours, however, should not be implemented unless all options exchanges agree to similar procedures in order to limit confusion by preserving uniformity at the options exchanges especially in those classes that are multiply traded.

2. Statutory Basis

The proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act in general and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) in particular in that it is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, and is not designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers or dealers.

B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any inappropriate burden on competition.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

No written comments were either solicited or received.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

Within 35 days of the publication of this notice in the Federal Register or within such longer period (i) as the Commission may designate up to 90 days of such date if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or (ii) as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission will:

(A) By order approve the proposed rule change, or

(B) Institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than

those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying at the Commission's Public Reference Section, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-Amex-96-17 and should be submitted by August 2, 1996.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.

Jonathan G. Katz,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice No. 2412]

Shipping Coordinating Committee; Subcommittee on Safety of Life at Sea and Associated Bodies Working Group on Stability and Load Lines and on Fishing Vessels Safety; Notice of Meeting

The Working Group on Stability and Load Lines and on Fishing Vessels Safety of the Subcommittee on Safety of Life at Sea will conduct an open meeting at 9 a.m. on Friday, August 2, 1996, in Room 6103, at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. This meeting will discuss the upcoming 40th Session of the Subcommittee on Stability and Load Lines and on Fishing Vessels Safety (SLF) and associated bodies of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) which will be held on September 2-6, 1996, at the IMO Headquarters in London, England.

Items of discussion will include the following:

- The role of human factors in marine casualties;
- Harmonization of probabilistic damage stability provisions for all ship types;
- Technical revisions to the 1996 Load Line Convention;
- Safety aspects of ballast water exchange.

Members of the public may attend this meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. Interested persons may seek information by writing: Mr. Paul Cojean or Mr. Jaideep Sirkar, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, Commandant (G-MMS-2), Room 1308, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001 or by calling: (202) 267-2988.

Dated: July 3, 1996.

Richard T. Miller,

Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee.

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[Public Notice 2414]

State Department Consultation With American Indian Tribal Leaders; Public Notice

The Department of State will hold consultations between U.S. Government officials and American Indian tribal leaders with regard to the ongoing negotiations in the United Nations of a Draft Declaration on Indigenous Rights. These initial consultations are scheduled for Tuesday, July 23, 1996, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Department of State in Washington, D.C.

The U.N. Draft Declaration on Indigenous Rights in being elaborated by a Working Group of the U.N. Human Rights Commission in Geneva. The goal of the Working Group (which allows direct participation by tribal governments and other indigenous organizations) is to elaborate a Declaration on Indigenous Rights for consideration and adoption by the United Nations General Assembly during the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People (1994-2004). The "Draft United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples" is serving as the basis for negotiations at the Working Group.

The consultation with tribal leaders on July 23 is in preparation for the next session of the Working Group which is scheduled to take place in Geneva later this year. The consultations will be held in the Loy Henderson Auditorium, Department of State, 2201 C Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. at the main entrance (C Street) of the State Department. The public is invited to attend the meetings.

Those interested in attending or seeking additional information should contact Tom Hushek (202-647-1042) or Alex Arriaga (202-647-1696) in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, at the State Department.

Dated: July 10, 1996.

John Shattuck,

Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, Department of State.

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